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that receive no wages, no pay and that they have the privileges of taking those courses that will help in health delivery service, outstate in particular. The Omaha delegation, Lincoln delegation did sit with us, did agree that the bill that is now written is all right. Now we come at this late hour, and I would hope that you would defeat this amendment and let the bill go on as the state of Nebraska has had many many meetings over the state, also within the Omaha and Lincoln district, in the past year. So I do hope that we can defeat this amendment, and if we need another bill that it would come in later and not affect the volunteers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the body, I will speak to the amendment. I don't see any opposition to it and I would like to correct one thing that Senator Kennedy said, I believe that LB 418 is for the protection of the people in the state of Nebraska, not for the protection of the volunteers nor the paid fire people. I ask you to adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, do you wish to close debate by reply?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Very quickly, Mr. President, I think it basically gets down to the point that people who spend their lives in the avocation of fire fighting and who are constantly being trained year after year would be very much a part of this board and should be able to impart a greater knowledge to it and I'd like to say that if we had a State Board of Architects, if we had a State Board concerning engineers, we look for the professionals and the professionals are those people who are trained most. If we go into law enforcement, we look for people who have had Federal Bureau of Investigation training, and these are the people who we select for our commissions and our boards. It's beyond me why Senator Kennedy would think that adding two people to this board, whose total life is dedication to this type of training and who are working at it for 24 hours a day, when they're on duty, would not be something that would be of great attraction to the whole system of this bill. I would hope that the Legislature passes this amendment. I can see if the amendment does not pass, there will be a very rocky road ahead for Final Reading on this bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Mahoney's amendment to LB 418. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 16 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Do you want to advance the bill?

CLERK: Wasn't it earlier requested to be laid over for Barnett's amendment?

PRESIDENT: Yes. I think we move now to 218.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 218.